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Dan Proctor, President  
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951 East 830 South  
Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062

Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Silver Bell Mining Company, Inc. Silver Bell Mill Site, S/031/007, Piute County, Utah

Dear Mr. Proctor:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and initial permit application fee, received by the Division on May 16, 2000. The application for the proposed Silver Bell Mill Site, located in the NW1/4 of Section 18 and the SW1/4 of Section 7, T28S, R3W, SLBM, Piute County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee which was received with your application. It is Division policy that new notices and permit fees received within 45 days of the next fiscal year (July 1<sup>st</sup>), the fee will be applied to the next year. Therefore, you should not receive a billing statement for July. If you do receive a billing statement, please contact Joelle Burns so it can be corrected.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

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A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We have forwarded a copy of your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Kunzler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynn Kunzler  
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO summary  
cc: Tracking File  
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